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December 13, 2013

Re: Florida Auto Theft Intelligence Unit's Letter of Support for Request for Partial Waiver of Section 90.20(e)(6)(i) by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators  
**PS Docket No. 13-281**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Florida Auto Theft Intelligence Unit (FATIU) strongly supports the request for partial waiver ("Waiver Request") filed by the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators ("IAATI") requesting that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") waive Section 90.20(e)(6)(ii) of its rules, thereby allowing public safety entities to track and recover stolen vehicles equipped with SVRS equipment for as long as those vehicles are in use.

FATIU is a non-profit organization established in 1972 in the State of Florida. FATIU provides expertise training three times a year to law enforcement, insurance investigators, and Highway Safety Motor Vehicle employees. FATIU currently has over 200 active members.

As described in the Waiver Request, IAATI seeks a partial waiver to allow wideband (25 kHz) Vehicle Locator Units to transmit response signals after the FCC's May 27, 2019 narrowbanding deadline so that older vehicles equipped with these devices may be tracked and recovered if stolen. We believe that the FCC's grant of IAATI's Waiver Request will benefit greatly FATIU and the public.

In May 2013, the Polk County Sheriff's Office recovered a heavy-duty pickup truck installed with LoJack. This investigation resulted in the discovery of a major Chop Shop being conducted on a 10 acre lot in Mulberry, Florida. 32 stolen/chopped heavy-duty pickup trucks, trailers, and heavy equipment were recovered on this acreage. Four subjects were arrested and charged with numerous criminal charges. This organization had been stealing vehicles and chopping them for several months. This is just one example of LoJack's use throughout the State of Florida that has assisted law enforcement agencies in discovering major Chop Shops and arresting those perpetrating these crimes.



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We urge the FCC to adopt in full IAATTI's Waiver Request.

Respectfully,

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